

**MINUTES OF THE  
MARICOPA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS  
REGIONAL COUNCIL MEETING**

May 23, 2001  
MAG Office, Saguaro Room  
Phoenix, Arizona

**MEMBERS ATTENDING**

Mayor Skip Rimsza, Phoenix, Chairman	Mayor Keno Hawker, Mesa
Mayor Ron Drake, Avondale	Mayor Edward Lowry, Paradise Valley
Mayor Dusty Hull, Buckeye	Mayor John Keegan, Peoria
* Mayor Edward Morgan, Carefree	Mayor Wendy Feldman-Kerr, Queen Creek
* Mayor Vincent Francia, Cave Creek	* President Ivan Makil, Salt River Pima-Maricopa
Mayor Jay Tibshraeny, Chandler	Indian Community
Mayor Roy Delgado, El Mirage	Mayor Mary Manross, Scottsdale
* Mayor Sharon Morgan, Fountain Hills	Mayor Joan Shafer, Surprise
* Mayor Chuck Turner, Gila Bend	Mayor Neil Giuliano, Tempe
* Governor Donald Antone, Gila River Indian	* Mayor Adolfo Gamez, Tolleson
Community	* Mayor Larry Roberts, Wickenburg
Councilmember Steve Urie for Mayor Cynthia	Mayor Eugene Russell, Youngtown
Dunham, Gilbert	F. Rockne Arnett, ADOT
Mayor Elaine Scruggs, Glendale	Dallas Gant, ADOT
Mayor Bill Arnold, Goodyear	Bill Beyer, Citizens Transportation Oversight
Councilmember Margarita Garcia, Guadalupe	Committee
Mayor J. Woodfin Thomas, Litchfield Park	+Mayor Douglas Coleman, Apache Junction
* Supervisor Andy Kunasek, Maricopa County	

\*Those members neither present nor represented by proxy.

+Non-voting

1. Call to Order

The meeting of the Regional Council was called to order by Acting Chairman John Keegan at 5:10 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Approval of April 25, 2001 Meeting Minutes

Acting Chairman Keegan asked if there were any changes to the minutes. Hearing none, he asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the April 25, 2001 meeting. Mayor Shafer moved for approval, Mayor Hull seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

#### 4. Call to the Audience

Chairman Rimsza recognized public comment from Tim Wagner, who stated that he had brought Arizona tourism brochures to hand out to members. Mr. Wagner stated that if you take the word "Arizona" out of the Arizona Cardinals, there is no regional identification. He stated that it is within the Regional Council's authority to pass a resolution for a new name for the Cardinals, one that reflects a regional name and image. Mr. Wagner stated that this was accomplished in Tennessee when the Tennessee Oilers were renamed the Tennessee Titans. He indicated that he had drafted a sample resolution. Chairman Rimsza thanked Mr. Wagner for his comments.

Chairman Rimsza joined the meeting. He stated that Bob McKnight did not wish to address the Council, but had submitted a statement on light rail for distribution to members.

Chairman Rimsza announced that this was the last Regional Council meeting for Councilmember Margarita Garcia from Guadalupe. Chairman Rimsza presented Councilmember Garcia with a gift of appreciation for her service the MAG Region. Councilmember Garcia expressed her thanks to all and especially to her Mayor. She asked members to keep working communities in mind.

Chairman Rimsza welcomed Councilmember Steve Urie as proxy for Mayor Cynthia Dunham, Gilbert.

Chairman Rimsza stated that for agenda item # 14, Homeless Continuum of Care Recommendations, information on the project priorities developed by the Strategic Ranking Committee at their May 23, 2001 meeting was at each place. He noted that agenda item #18, Broadening Participation in the Maricopa Association of Governments, will be heard after consideration of the Consent Agenda. Chairman Rimsza stated that a memorandum from Mayor Hawker on this item was at each place.

James M. Bourey stated that transit tickets were available following the meeting from the RPTA.

#### 5. Executive Director's Report

Mr. Bourey stated that the May 31, 2001 Governor's Transportation Vision 21 Task Force meeting had been postponed, and would probably take place the end of June.

Mr. Bourey stated that there has been excellent participation in the Regional Transportation Plan focus group sessions being held.

Mr. Bourey stated that recently released demographic census data for local jurisdictions was at each place.

Mr. Bourey stated that notification was recently received that MAG's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report had been awarded the Government Officers Finance Association (GFOA) award.

Mr. Bourey stated that the fourth annual Desert Peaks Awards will take place June 21, 2001. Mr. Bourey informed members that the slate of those judging the awards included Marvin Andrews, former City of Phoenix Manager; Diane Brossart, Valley Forward Association; Mike Ellegood, Flood Control District of Maricopa County and former Desert Peaks award recipient; Carlos Galindo-Elvira, Valle del Sol, Inc.; Representative Leah Landrum, Arizona House of Representatives; Herman Orcutt,

Orcutt-Winslow Partnership; Bill Post, Arizona Public Service; Mark Schnepf, former Queen Creek Mayor; and William Schrader, Salt River Project. Chairman Rimsza thanked Mr. Bourey for his report and asked if there were further questions.

6. Approval of Consent Agenda

Chairman Rimsza stated that agenda items #7, #8, #9, #10, #11, #12, #13, #14 and #15 were on the consent agenda. He noted that no public comment cards had been turned for the consent agenda. Chairman Rimsza asked for a motion to approve the consent agenda. Mayor Tibshraeny moved, Mayor Delgado seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

7. Regional Aviation System Plan Update Consultant Recommendation

The Regional Council, by consent, approved that MAG negotiate a contract with Wilbur Smith and Associates to complete the Regional Aviation System Plan Update for an amount not to exceed \$265,209. The MAG RASP Policy Committee and Management Committee are recommending that MAG negotiate a contract with Wilbur Smith for an amount not to exceed \$265,209 to complete the Regional Aviation System Plan Update.

8. Consultant Selection for MAG Freeway Bottleneck Study

The Regional Council, by consent, approved Olsson Associates to conduct the MAG Freeway Bottleneck Study for an amount not to exceed \$300,000. The FY 2001 MAG Unified Planning Work Program includes a \$300,000 project to improve traffic flow at bottlenecks on the MAG freeway system. The Transportation Review Committee and the Management Committee recommended that Olsson Associates conduct the study.

9. Finalization of the 1999 MAG External Travel Study

MAG has completed a regional External Travel Study. This study was conducted in partnership with Maricopa County. The data is used to quantify the amount of travel that crosses the MAG area and the amount of travel from the MAG area to other parts of the state or country. Data for a regional external travel study was collected by MAG during the fall of 1999. A database with survey information from 7,000 interviews at 15 external survey count locations and traffic counts at the same locations was then produced along with a report. This data was summarized to quantify the travel that enters and/or traverses the MAG area. This information is being used in the MAG planning process as a base for regional studies, to calibrate the MAG transportation models, and traffic engineering studies.

10. Proposed Administrative Adjustment and Amendment to the FY 2001-2005 MAG Transportation Improvement Program

The Regional Council, by consent, approved the amendments to the FY 2001-2005 MAG Transportation Improvement Program for the transit projects and the projects requested by ADOT as described in the tables in the Transmittal Summary. The Transportation Review Committee (TRC) and the Management Committee have recommended amendments for transit projects to the FY 2001-2005 MAG TIP. Since the TRC meeting, ADOT has submitted a request to add three federally funded

projects and four locally funded projects to FY 2001. The Management Committee recommended approval of the ADOT request.

11. Consultation for Project Level Conformity Determination on the Proposed Town of Gilbert Park-and-Ride Facility

The Town of Gilbert has requested concurrence for the project-level conformity determination prepared for the Gilbert Park-and-Ride facility. The Gilbert Park-and-Ride facility is proposed for the southwest corner of Page Avenue and Ash Street, directly off of Gilbert Road in Gilbert on a three acre parcel. The project is identified as GLB00-003 in the FY 2001-2005 MAG Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for fiscal year 2003. The estimated cost of this project is \$3.6 million. The project was exempt from the regional emissions analyses according to the federal transportation conformity guidelines as a “bus terminal and transfer point.” A conformity determination is required for federal-aid assisted projects under the transportation conformity guidelines. The Regional Public Transportation Authority has prepared an air quality impact analysis, which includes a carbon monoxide hot-spot analysis for this project. The analysis concludes that the Gilbert Park-and-Ride facility will not cause or contribute to an exceedance of the carbon monoxide standard. MAG has reviewed the air quality impact analysis for completeness and concurs with the findings. The current conformity finding of the TIP and the associated Long Range Transportation Plan Summary and 2000 Update that was made jointly by the Federal Highway Administration and Federal Transit Administration in a letter dated July 31, 2000, remains unchanged by this action.

12. Consultation on Conformity Assessment for Proposed Administrative Adjustment and Amendment to the FY 2001-2005 MAG Transportation Improvement Program for the FY 2001 Interim Closeout

The interim closeout of the FY 2001 federally funding program requires an administrative adjustment to 20 projects and an amendment to add five new projects to the FY 2001-2005 MAG Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The administrative adjustment is necessary to advance 18 projects to FY 2001 and to increase funding for two projects in FY 2001. An amendment is necessary to add three new regional study projects, a new fixed route farebox project, and a new Fibre Optic Backbone design project. MAG has reviewed the projects for compliance with the federal conformity rule (40 CFR Parts 51 and 93) and has found that the project changes require consultation on the conformity assessment. The proposed 20 minor project revisions may be characterized as an administrative adjustment for which a conformity determination is not required. The proposed five new projects may be categorized as exempt, for which a conformity determination is not required. The current conformity finding of the TIP and the associated Long Range Transportation Plan Summary and 2000 update that was made jointly by the Federal Highway Administration and Federal Transit Administration in a letter dated July 31, 2000, would be unchanged by this action.

13. Consultation on Conformity Assessment for a Proposed Administrative Adjustment and Amendment to the FY 2001-2005 MAG Transportation Improvement Program

The Regional Public Transportation Authority has requested that the Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG) make an administrative adjustment to nine transit and park-and-ride projects to the FY 2001-2005 MAG Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). In addition, the Arizona Department of Transportation has requested an amendment to add three new right-of-way and ramp meter projects. MAG has reviewed the proposed projects for compliance with the federal conformity rule (40 CFR Parts 51 and 93) and has found that the project changes require consultation on the

conformity assessment. The proposed nine minor project revisions may be characterized as an administrative adjustment for which a conformity determination is not required. The proposed three new projects may be categorized as exempt, for which a conformity determination is not required. The current conformity finding of the TIP and the associated Long Range Transportation Plan Summary and 2000 Update that was made jointly by the Federal Highway Administration and Federal Transit Administration in a letter dated July 31, 2000, would be unchanged by this action.

14. Homeless Continuum of Care Recommendations

On December 8, 1999, the Regional Council approved MAG becoming the responsible entity for a year round homeless planning process which includes submittal of the HUD Stuart B. McKinney Continuum of Care Consolidated Application for Maricopa County. The Continuum of Care grant supports transitional and permanent housing and supportive services. Last year, the region received \$18.6 million. A Continuum of Care Steering Committee was formed and chaired by former Chief Justice Frank Gordon. MAG received 26 applications from nonprofit organizations in the Valley on April 9, 2001. A ranking and review process was administered by the Valley of the Sun United Way, and was completed on May 15, 2001. A Strategic Ranking was conducted on May 23, 2001, to maximize funds to the region. The Regional Council was requested to comment on the priorities before the grant is submitted to the Department of Housing and Urban Development on May 31, 2001. No comments were received from the Regional Council.

15. MAG 208 Water Quality Management Plan Amendments for the City of El Mirage Water Reclamation Facility and for the City of Surprise Water Reclamation Facility

The Regional Council, by consent, approved the MAG 208 Water Quality Management Plan Amendments for the City of El Mirage Water Reclamation Facility and for the City of Surprise South Water Reclamation Facility. The City of El Mirage has requested that MAG amend the 208 Water Quality Management Plan to include an expansion of the El Mirage Water Reclamation Facility. The El Mirage facility would be expanded to an ultimate capacity of 3.6 million gallons per day (mgd). Excess reclaimed water from the facility would be disposed of through reuse, recharge, and discharge to the Agua Fria River. The City of Glendale, City of Peoria, City of Surprise, Town of Youngtown and Unincorporated Maricopa County are within three miles of the project and have indicated they do not object to the proposed facility expansion. The City of Surprise has requested that MAG amend the 208 Water Quality Management Plan to include an expansion of the Surprise South Water Reclamation Facility. The Surprise South facility would be expanded from the current 3.2 mgd to an ultimate capacity of 36.0 mgd. Excess reclaimed water would be disposed of through recharge basins. The City of El Mirage, City of Glendale, City of Peoria, Town of Youngtown and Unincorporated Maricopa County are within three miles of the project and have indicated they do not object to the proposed facility expansion.

18. Broadening Participation in the Maricopa Association of Governments

This agenda item was taken out of order.

Mr. Bourey stated that the broadening of participation in MAG was discussed at the Management Committee Retreat in December 2000 and Regional Council Retreat in January 2001. In addition, the Executive Committee has discussed this issue at their Committee meetings. A White Paper on

organizational changes was prepared that described how the business community and adjoining units of local government in the metropolitan area could participate in MAG.

Mr. Bourey stated that the Management Committee discussed this item at length and recommended that a committee be formed to study this issue and report back in six months. Mr. Bourey stated that Executive Committee reviewed the Management Committee action, and recommended that the land use review by the Regional Council be separated from the governance issues, broadening participation and changing the MAG name. It was also recommended that the time frame for considering the governance issues be completed in 60 days. Mr. Bourey referred to the memorandum from Mayor Hawker that was at each place. He noted that the memorandum requests discussion by the new committee of certain issues. Potential issues for study could include private sector participation, expansion of membership beyond Maricopa County boundaries, additional public sector members, voting procedures, MAG's regional planning responsibilities, roles of the Management Committee and Regional Council in local plan review, and the future of RPTA and its relationship with MAG.

Chairman Rimsza thanked Mr. Bourey. He stated that Mayor Hawker had indicated that he would make a motion.

Mayor Hawker thanked Chairman Rimsza for his leadership in working on the extension of the half-cent sales tax for transportation. He moved that the Regional Council establish a Regional Governance Task Force, comprised of eleven members, including mayors and managers as appointed by the Regional Council Chairman. However, no city or town shall have more than one representative on the committee. The Task Force shall study the issues of regional governance, role and responsibilities of MAG, including transit planning, as well as MAG membership including voting membership of the Regional Council and other MAG committees. A subcommittee of the Task Force shall also be appointed to include representatives of the business community, the Legislature and the public so that their input on governance will be considered in discussions by the Task Force. The Task Force shall prepare a progress report within 60 days of its first meeting and a final report no later than the end of the calendar year. The Task Force may request consulting services once the scope of work is more clearly defined. Mayor Arnold seconded.

Chairman Rimsza asked for discussion. Mayor Hawker stated that as Transportation Subcommittee Chair, he has become aware that MAG needs to broaden its scope. He indicated that the input of the organizations mentioned is needed and could provide a model for 20 to 50 years in the future.

Mayor Manross asked if the goal would be an effort to redefine MAG to make it more effective. Mayor Hawker stated that one outcome would be that MAG would become more inclusive. Mayor Manross indicated that careful deliberation is needed. She expressed concern that elected members would be on the same voting level as non-elected members. Mayor Hawker stated that the Task Force would be examining voting procedures. Mayor Manross stated that establishing a subcommittee would be appropriate.

Mayor Giuliano stated that establishing a Task Force was appropriate. Because of the region's tremendous growth, an assessment is needed to determine that what MAG is doing is the best and most important. Mayor Giuliano stated that outside examination could be beneficial. He offered his participation.

Chairman Rimsza stated his support for the motion. He commented on the fantastic job done by the Regional Council to balance completion of the freeway system. Chairman Rimsza expressed his concern that if MAG does not respond to the pressures of the Vision 21 Task Force and represent all interests, MAG will lose power. If MAG does not evolve, it may not have the same impact in the next generation as it does today. Chairman Rimsza commented on the importance of connecting transportation systems. He noted that MAG will continue to be responsible for federal funding; however, control of the half-cent sales tax could be more difficult.

Mayor Thomas asked if the Governance Task Force would be starting from ground zero or would be basing their study on the changes noted in the White Paper. Chairman Rimsza indicated that the Task Force would be starting from ground zero. Mayor Thomas indicated that he would be in favor of the motion if that is the case.

Chairman Rimsza requested that copies of the motion be handed out to members.

Mr. Beyer expressed his support for the motion. He indicated that he would abstain from voting, because of limits of his statutory authority.

Hearing no further discussion, Chairman Rimsza asked for a vote on the motion, which passed with Councilmember Garcia voting no and Mr. Beyer abstaining.

Chairman Rimsza recognized public comment from Blue Crowley, who stated that he attended the last Executive Committee meeting, where it was stated that the business community's participation is needed to raise money to win the half-cent sales tax election. He commented that major players are considered. Mr. Crowley indicated that he wants the directly elected body recommended by the Vision 21 Task Force to run transportation. Mr. Crowley suggested the Tri-County Regional Council for MAG's new name. He explained that the name would be appropriate because broadened participation would include Maricopa, Pinal and Yavapai Counties. Mr. Crowley urged that MAG not be a businessman's organization and that working people need to be represented. Chairman Rimsza thanked Mr. Crowley for his comments.

Chairman Rimsza requested that members interested in serving on the Governance Task Force contact Mr. Bourey. He asked Mr. Bourey to contact Management Committee members to get the names of those that would be interested in serving on the Task Force.

16. Federal Fiscal Year 2001 MAG Federal Funds Interim Closeout and Amendments to the FY 2001-2005 MAG Transportation Improvement Program and FY 2001 Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget

Paul Ward gave a presentation on the closeout of FY 2001 federal funds. Each year, MAG conducts a close out process to use the MAG federal funds. He reviewed the closeout procedures, approved by the Regional Council in 1995, and as amended in 1996, that help ensure the full use of MAG federal funding. At the beginning of the federal FY, available funds are identified and compared with programmed projects. Uncommitted funds and available Obligation Authority can then be ascertained. By March 1, member agencies notify MAG of which projects need to be carried forward from the current year to the next year. Projects are then identified that can use the funds released in the current year. The first priority is to advance from future years current federally funded programmed projects that are ready to be obligated. The second priority is to increase the federal share of projects being

obligated in the first year of the program. Mr. Ward stated that member agencies are encouraged to have programmed federally funded projects ready to be obligated as soon as possible. Projects ready to go will have a high priority to be advanced to the current fiscal year to ensure that committed Obligation Authority is fully used, and to increase prospects of receiving a share of redistributed Obligation Authority.

Mr. Ward stated that \$69.3 million in Obligation Authority is available for FY 2001 and projects programmed total \$69 million, leaving \$300,000 in uncommitted funding. Obligation Authority needs to be obligated in this fiscal year, or it may be lost. For this phase of the close out, 20 project requests received from MAG member agencies for approximately \$14.4 million in carryforward, mainly CMAQ funds. Mr. Ward stated that \$12.2 million in projects have been recommended, leaving \$2.2 million available. Mr. Ward stated that the TRC took action on these uncommitted funds at their May 22, 2001 meeting. Their recommendations will be considered by the Management Committee and Regional Council next month. Mr. Ward reviewed the final closeout process that will take place in July to August.

Mr. Ward stated that the requested action was to approve the closeout of Federal FY 2001, as recommended by the Management Committee at their May 9, 2001 meeting as follows: 1) Carry forward the projects listed in Table One; 2) Add new projects, accelerate projects and add additional funds for existing projects listed in Table Two; 3) Authorize an amendment to the FY 2001-2005 MAG Transportation Improvement Program as needed; 4) Amend the FY 2001 MAG Unified Planning Work Program as needed; and 5) Approve adjustments to the Draft FY 2002-2006 MAG Transportation Improvement Program as needed.

Chairman Rimsza left the meeting and turned the gavel over to Acting Chairman Keegan.

Acting Chairman Keegan recognized public comment from Blue Crowley, who asked if he could receive an explanation of the AC Work Program in table one. Mr. Ward explained that this refers to the closeout of the previous year when there were \$2.4 million of projects that could not be obligated from FY 2000 funds. Mr. Ward stated that the AC work program is for repaying funds advanced by ADOT.

Mr. Crowley stated that the City of Phoenix documents sent to the CTOC meeting states that underpass construction costs more than overpass construction. Mr. Crowley stated that cost is the reason that Phoenix is not constructing a underpass at I-17 at the Grand Canal. He stated that an underpass and overpass at Maryland and I-17 are approximately the same price. Mr. Crowley stated that bike projects are carryforward. He requested that these projects be done now and not later. Mr. Crowley commented that the aggregate used in paving projects breaks down and is more dusty than before. He stated that the four largest employers, the State of Arizona, Maricopa County, Arizona State University, and the City of Phoenix, could be mandated to have their employees rideshare or use public transit. Mr. Crowley commented on the 200 radios being purchased for Dial-a-Ride. He stated that the I-10 express terminal is not in the plan for completion. Mr. Crowley stated that HOVs are not being done to the level they should. Acting Chairman Keegan thanked Mr. Crowley for his comments. He asked if members had any questions for Mr. Ward.

Mayor Hawker asked about the ITS Downtown Parking Management projects. Mr. Ward explained that they are two phases to the Phoenix downtown management parking system. He stated that \$1.476 million was for phase two and \$943,000 for phase three. Mayor Hawker asked if the project was to



encourage parking. Mr. Ward stated that the system is to manage parking when there is a large volume of traffic. Mayor Giuliano stated that he served four years on the national Board of Directors of ITS America. He explained that a parking management system will notify drivers ahead of time when a parking garage is full. This is accomplished by the garages communicating with each other and transmitting messages to reader boards. Mayor Giuliano commented that this is useful for drivers looking for parking during major events.

Mayor Hawker asked for clarification of the type of rail was the RPTA project receiving advanced funding on table two. Mr. Ward replied that this was for light rail. Mayor Hawker asked about federal appropriations would apply to which segments. Mr. Ward replied he was not aware of the precise segment, but that the CMAQ funds were being used as leverage obtaining additional Federal Transit Administration funds.

Mayor Thomas asked if this parking garage amount would be an annual expense. Mr. Ward replied this is a start up cost. Operations and maintenance would be paid by the City of Phoenix.

Mayor Manross asked for confirmation that the parking system did not apply to the Phoenix airport. Mr. Ward confirmed that this project was for downtown parking. Mayor Giuliano stated that Phoenix operates the airport out of a separate fund.

Mayor Giuliano moved to approve the closeout of Federal FY 2001, as recommended by the Management Committee at their May 9, 2001 meeting as follows: 1) Carry forward the projects listed in Table One; 2) Add new projects, accelerate projects and add additional funds for existing projects listed in Table Two; 3) Authorize an amendment to the FY 2001-2005 MAG Transportation Improvement Program as needed; 4) Amend the FY 2001 MAG Unified Planning Work Program as needed; and 5) Approve adjustments to the Draft FY 2002-2006 MAG Transportation Improvement Program as needed. Mayor Hawker seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

17. FY 2002 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget

Becky Kimbrough gave a presentation on the Draft FY 2002 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget. Each year MAG develops a Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget for the coming year. The purpose of this document is to provide grantors, the MAG staff and the public with the Regional Council's policy direction and fiscal commitments in the agency's regional planning efforts. Ms. Kimbrough displayed a list of 8 meetings at which there are opportunities for input on the Work Program and Annual Budget. She stated that the Work Program document is available for review in the MAG library.

Ms. Kimbrough presented the funding used in planning for the region, the source of MAG funds, including federal revenue and carryforward, state, and local, and funds by expenditure category. Ms. Kimbrough displayed a table that compared the FY 2000, FY 2001 and FY 2002 budgets. She stated that the amended FY 2001 totaled \$18,457,097 and the proposed FY 2002 budget totals \$11,894,227.

Ms. Kimbrough reviewed total operating expenditures for FY 2002. She displayed a pie chart that showed use of funds by program area.

Mayor Hawker asked for clarification of MAGIC revenue. Mr. Bourey stated that MAGIC was incorporated in an effort to diversify funding to alleviate MAG's dependence on federal funding.

MAGIC stands for MAG Information Center. He stated that revenue is received from additional work performed by the Information Center.

Mayor Manross requested copies of the Work Program presentation in the future. Mr. Bourey replied that copies would be provided.

Mayor Giuliano commended staff for the effort on drafting the Work Program. He stated that the format should be brought back to individual cities as a model.

Mayor Scruggs expressed her appreciation to staff. She indicated that she would make a motion. Acting Chairman Keegan noted that one public comment card had been received on this item. He recognized public comment from Blue Crowley, who stated that public comment was not allowed at the retreats or the Executive Committee meetings, as stated in the presentation. Mr. Crowley stated that he wants to see more consideration of heavy rail and multi-modalism. Mr. Crowley stated that there is a proposed change to the public comment period, which limits public comment to five minutes. Mr. Crowley stated that the Regional Council is here to represent the people. He commented that CTOC and MAG are not coordinating. Acting Chairman Keegan thanked Mr. Crowley for his comments.

Mayor Scruggs stated that her motion would include additional language that could ensure an adequate review of the entire program and budget. Mayor Scruggs moved to approve the resolution adopting the FY 2002 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget and the member dues and assessments; and for the FY 2003 Work Program, staff would hold at least two seminars or workshops: Seminar/workshop Number One would examine policy requirements and justify new projects; Seminar/workshop Number Two would examine allocating funds in the budget. Mayor Manross seconded.

Acting Chairman Keegan asked for discussion. Mayor Hawker stated his support for the motion. He indicated it would be helpful, especially new members, to attend a workshop. Mayor Hawker expressed his compliments that the document is well laid out and well explained. He indicated that he would take a copy back to his city to use as a model. Mayor Hawker asked about timing constraints. Mr. Bourey indicated that the seminars could be held at least 30 days prior to approval of the Work Program.

Hearing no further discussion, Acting Chairman Keegan asked for a vote on the motion, which passed unanimously.

Acting Chairman Keegan announced that a progressive dinner for the members of the Regional Council and their staff who have confirmed their dinner reservations would be held in the MAG offices.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

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Chairman

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Secretary